



Sustainable Solutions:

Roses Can Be “Green”

Growing roses can be a challenge, especially in a hot, humid climate.

Gardening guides frequently recommend an array of chemicals to cope with diseases and pests, many of them toxic to beneficials, notably pollinators and creatures who prey on insects such as aphids and beetles.

At the U.S. Botanic Garden we have a different philosophy.

Our “sustainable” approach to growing roses makes this rose garden different from any other in the area.

To earn a place in this garden, each rose must perform without applications of fungicides and pesticides. Each year, our gardeners evaluate the roses for their performance and vigor. If a rose shows problems with black spot or powdery mildew, or is simply not growing or blooming well, it is removed.

Our roses also receive a regime of care that puts a priority on the plant’s health. To learn how we promote vigorous growth and strong immune systems, visit www.usbg.gov/sustainability.

Our selection of roses is evolving as we learn more about how they perform under different conditions. Look around you—beautiful results can be accomplished with healthy gardening practices.

Try this at home!



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